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# HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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## NOTICE OF MEETING

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 5, 2022

**TIME:** Rise of the House

**PLACE:** House Lounge - State House

## SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

**House Bill No. [7246](#)**

**BY Knight, Cassar**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- EXPLOITATION OF ELDERLY {LC4113/1} (Changes the definition of "elder person" for purposes of exploitation of elders from a person sixty-five (65) years of age or older to a person sixty (60) years of age or older.)

01/28/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

02/10/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/01/2022 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7690](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY Solomon**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE--PROCEDURE GENERALLY -- PROCEEDINGS IN AID OF EXECUTION {LC5006/1} (Requires that upon issuance of a citation, the judgment debtor is given twenty-five (25) days to contact the judgment creditor to resolve the matter prior to court intervention.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/17/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/01/2022 Scheduled for consideration

**House Bill No. [7700](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY McEntee, Craven, Caldwell, Carson**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- INTERCEPTION OF WIRE AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS {LC5017/1} (Adds felony violations of Uniform Act on Prevention of and Remedies for Human Trafficking as a designated offense for an application for an order under the Interception of Wire and Oral Communications statute.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

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03/17/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/01/2022 Scheduled for consideration

**SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION**

**House Bill No. [7311](#)**

**BY Noret**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- MODERNIZATION OF PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES, ADVERTISEMENTS AND OTHER WRITTEN MATTERS {LC3949/1} (Allows the publication of legal notices on the state's official website and a corresponding local newspaper satisfying the requirements for the publication of any statutorily-required notice, advertisement, or other written matter in a newspaper.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/01/2022 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7312](#)**

**BY Place, Chippendale, Quattrocchi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT - PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS ACT {LC4128/1} (Authorizes municipalities to publish public notices in any newspaper in circulation in the municipality or on any other platform designated by ordinance.)

02/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

02/24/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/01/2022 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7361](#)**

**BY Kazarian, Serpa, Potter, Kislak**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- TRADE IN ANIMAL FUR PRODUCTS ACT {LC4369/1} (Prohibits the sale, offer of sale, trade or distribution of fur products as defined and would make violations punishable by a civil fine.)

02/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/04/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/10/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7413](#)**

**BY Carson, Batista, Morales**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT {LC4609/1} (Prohibits the use of hazardous waste or solid waste as fill on any construction site project and renders the use of such soil as fill a felony.)

02/09/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7676](#)**

**BY Kennedy, Azzinaro, Edwards, Diaz**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- ORGANIZED RETAIL CRIME ACT OF 2022 {LC5062/1} (Establishes organized retail crime act which criminalizes the concerted action of 3 or more people that engage in organized theft from retail stores. Punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment with forfeiture provisions.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7688](#)**

(Attorney General)

**BY Shanley, Craven**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- COUNTY GRAND JURIES {LC5016/1} (Permits grand juries to issue reports and provides for a process for review and acceptance by the superior court for dissemination to the public.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7694](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY Craven**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION {LC5008/1} (Corrects the erroneous misdemeanor classification of the criminal offense of fraudulent conversion by agent or factor.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7699](#)**

**BY Cardillo, C Lima, Phillips, Chippendale, Filippi, Solomon, Perez, Craven, Noret, O'Brien**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION {LC4913/1} (Makes possession of a catalytic converter by any person, other than a salvage yard, muffler shop or automobile or truck repair shop, presumptive evidence that the converter was stolen.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7702](#)**

**BY C Lima, McLaughlin, Azzinaro, Perez, Cardillo, Phillips, Chippendale, P Morgan, Roberts**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- BURGLARY AND BREAKING AND ENTERING {LC5300/1} (Creates a mandatory jail sentence of ten (10) years for two or more people who break into a business with the intent to steal.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7704](#)**

**BY Williams, Giraldo, Batista, Vella-Wilkinson, Slater**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- COMMERCIAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY {LC3999/1} (Grants immunity to any person engaged in or witnessing commercial sexual activity if they report the offense to law enforcement and in good faith assist or attempt to assist in the investigation of offense, even if they later withdraw their cooperation.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7709](#)**

(Judiciary)

**BY Shanley, Craven**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES --

MISCELLANEOUS RULES {LC5010/1} (Sunsets the provision which allows first-time violators to avoid the fine by presenting proof of acquisition of a hands-free device prior to the imposition of the fine effective September 1, 2022.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7714](#)**

**BY Azzinaro, McEntee**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FALSE REPRESENTATION OF MILITARY STATUS {LC5383/1} (Creates the crime of stolen valor, for falsely representing himself or herself as a member of the military or armed forces, which is punishable by imprisonment of not more than one year, a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.)

03/02/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7811](#)**

**BY McEntee, Craven, Vella-Wilkinson, Noret, Azzinaro, Donovan, Carson, Ruggiero**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- FALSE REPRESENTATION OF MILITARY STATUS {LC5088/1} (Creates the crime of stolen valor, for falsely representing himself or herself as a member of the military or armed forces, which is punishable by imprisonment of not more than one year, a fine of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), or both.)

03/03/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7895](#)**

**BY Craven, Caldwell**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO COURTS AND CIVIL PROCEDURE -- PROCEDURE IN PARTICULAR ACTIONS -- RHODE ISLAND COMMERCIAL RECEIVERSHIP ACT

{LC5075/1} (Creates temporary non-liquidating receivership program for businesses with substantial revenue decline after declared emergency/suspended/ceased substantial part of operation resulting by emergency police/regulatory powers.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7897](#)**

**BY Solomon**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- RHODE ISLAND TITLE INSURERS ACT {LC5426/1} (Title insurance companies may authorize anyone to act as a title insurance agent. Continuing education required.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/15/2022 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7899](#)**

**BY Kislak, McGaw, Morales, Cassar, Potter, Tanzi**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- OPERATION OF BICYCLES--HIGHWAY SAFETY ACT {LC5023/1} (Amend several chapters regarding the operation of bikes on state highways and interaction with motor vehicles, aggressive honking, reckless driver accountability program & speed limits in thickly settled areas/business districts.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7900](#)**

**BY Kazarian, Felix, Giraldo, Knight, Barros, Potter, Shallcross Smith, Casimiro, Batista**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO DOMESTIC RELATIONS -- SOLEMNIZATION OF MARRIAGES--COMMON LAW MARRIAGE {LC4963/1} (Abolishes common law marriages entered into in this state on or after January 1, 2023, while recognizing the validity of any common law marriage entered into or adjudicated to exist before January 1, 2023.)

03/04/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/11/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/17/2022 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [7935](#)**

(Dept. of Health)

**BY Fellela**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND DISCIPLINE {LC5282/1} (Provides that any day(s) when the department of health is closed be excluded from the maximum number of days within which a hearing must be held by the board when a physician or limited registrant's license is suspended without hearing.)

03/07/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

03/18/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

03/21/2022 Committee postponed at request of sponsor

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8010](#)**

**BY J Lombardi, Felix, Potter, Alzate, Morales, Henries, Hull, Tanzi, Ranglin-Vassell, Cassar ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PROPERTY -- RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT {LC5467/1} (Permits those other residents of a residential dwelling unit to extend the term of the rental agreement for a period not to exceed three (3) months after the death of the lessee.)

03/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8013](#)**

**BY J Lombardi, Felix, Potter, Alzate, Morales, Henries, Hull, Tanzi, Ranglin-Vassell, Cassar ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL OFFENSES -- THEFT, EMBEZZLEMENT, FALSE PRETENSES, AND MISAPPROPRIATION {LC5469/1} (Makes possession of a used catalytic converter a felony and requires recycling service providers to maintain certain records relative to catalytic converters.)

03/18/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8035](#)**

**BY Felix, Batista, Amore, Craven, Alzate, Williams, Morales, McEntee, Potter, Henries ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO CRIMINAL PROCEDURE -- SEXUAL ASSAULT SURVIVORS BILL OF RIGHTS {LC3386/1} (Creates sexual assault survivors bill of rights with right to counsel and assault counselor/rules for collection/delivery/testing/analysis/retention of forensic evidence/privacy/15 member task force with \$250,000 for 4 years of annual funding.)

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8037](#)**

**BY Craven, McEntee, Cortvriend**

**ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS -- PUBLIC USE OF PRIVATE LANDS-LIABILITY LIMITATIONS {LC5444/1} (Changes the definition of owner to exclude the state and municipalities for the purposes of liability limitations relating to public use of private lands.)

03/23/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

**House Bill No. [8055](#)**

**BY Cortvriend, Filippi, Fogarty, Ruggiero, Carson, Craven, Handy, Azzinaro, Knight, Cassar ENTITLED,** AN ACT RELATING TO WATERS AND NAVIGATION -- COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COUNCIL {LC5560/1} (Provides a definition of the Recognizable High Tide Line for the Public's Rights and Privileges of the Shore.)

03/25/2022 Introduced, referred to House Judiciary

04/01/2022 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

## **PROCEDURAL INFORMATION:**

### **TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM**

The meeting will be televised by Capitol Television on Cox Communications (channels 15, 61, and 1061 for high definition), Full Channel (on 15) and Verizon (on channel 34). Livestreaming is available at <https://www.rilegislature.gov/CapTV/Pages/default.aspx>.

### **WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

**Send written testimony to:** [HouseJudiciary@rilegislature.gov](mailto:HouseJudiciary@rilegislature.gov)

**Testimony must include: your name, bill number and viewpoint (for/against/neither).**

Any testimony received without a bill number may not be disseminated to members or posted to the website. Written testimony is posted to the General Assembly website as soon as possible. The posting of documents may be delayed due to high volume and will be delayed if submitted or hand-delivered at hearings.

### **IN PERSON TESTIMONY**

Individuals may testify in person, not by telephone. Sign-up sheets are available in/outside the hearing room. Signs/posters/pictures are not allowed to be displayed inside hearing room.

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